

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 6.a.

SUBJECT: Beach Walkways Discussion

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

As Council is aware, the current year budget has \$130,000 in it for constructing walkways over the dunes where that is required. It appears that will be necessary at 8 walkways, and we believe the cost will be less than that budgeted. The cross-over walkways are 2nd Street, 4th Street, 5th Street, 6th Street, 9th Street, 11th Street; 12th Street, 13th Street and also 3rd Street unless it becomes another handicap accessible access. Public Works will do the work, and therefore it will cost well under the amount budgeted.

The cost to do the decking for these accesses in Trex is about six times the cost of doing it with treated wood (\$24,000 v. \$4,000). Pickets, as has been noted, are more expensive to install and maintain than rails are. For 100 feet of walkway, rails would cost \$540 versus \$700 for pickets, or about 30% more expensive. In doing 800 linear feet of work for example, it would cost \$1,280 more. The labor to do 4,800 pickets required in the 800 linear feet is substantially more involved than doing 288 rails of 16' length. The pickets also aren't as strong as the boards and are subject to damage and replacement much more often. The "kick-out" areas near the dunes with the wider area for a bench to sit at are about \$500 more in cost for each one. Thus, \$500 times 8 walkways equals an additional \$4,000.

Add in the nails, bolts and additional wood and we expect to spend less than \$50,000 for the work this year unless it was to include the Trex material. If 3rd Street becomes another handicap accessible access, then that would add to the cost also. But even that total will be less than the \$130,000 budgeted for contracting it out.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS OR COMMENTS:

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